

General Election Announcement - message to rebels

Dear Rebels,

A General Election has been announced for the 12th of December and with it we have a great opportunity to **make the climate and ecological emergency the defining issue of the political debate.**

The science is clear! We are already experiencing the effects of climate breakdown in this country and more so around the world. Our basic infrastructure (food, energy, transport etc.) is highly vulnerable and we are simply not prepared for what is happening, and yet politicians are failing to act.

It's only 2 weeks post rebellion and it is important rebels prioritise regeneration and rest. As we rise back in to action please **think about how you can contribute to the XR #ElectionRebellion.** From outreach and visioning, direct actions, flyering, social media campaigns, and directly holding candidates to account for their policies ... there are many ways you can act.

It is important that we are aware of **where XR and its specific theory of change** fits into a General Election. Of course, you as an individual are welcome to support any political party of your choice, however **XR itself must remain non-partisan.**

- **XR does not endorse any politician or political party** - instead we demand that everyone from the political spectrum brings the Climate and Ecological Emergency to the forefront of their campaigns.
- **XR is beyond politics as usual** - we are a non-party political movement devoted to fighting the climate catastrophe and as such we refuse to get stuck into party politics

What do we demand from politicians at this time?

- **Sign the Three Demands Bill!** - We call on General Election candidates to sign Extinction Rebellion's ['Three Demands Bill'](#).
- **What's your plan?** - We will be asking the candidates from across all parties how they plan to tackle this greatest of crises facing our species.

What can we do?

Each one of us has a responsibility to demand that in this historic election the Climate and Ecological Emergency is approached with the sheer urgency and attention that it deserves.

The XR General Election Working Group are working on a General Election Kit List, that is a series of resources to help rebels in actions, outreach and communication over this period. You will receive more information over the coming days.

In the meantime, please take a moment to share the new [XR General Election crowdfunder](#) with your colleagues, friends and family.

With Love and Rage,

XR Election Rebellion Team